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THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, JAN. 27, 1872.

BACK NUMBERS.

We have still on hand back numbers to the first of the year, containing the early chapters of "The Swamp Outlaws," &c.

A NEW NOVELET.

In this week's paper we commence a new novelet, entitled

SEVEN GRAVES;

OR,

THE HEIRS OF DUNLEATH.

BY ESTHER MELLIE KENNETH.

This is a picturesque and fascinating story, and will, we think, afford great pleasure to our readers.

LOW-NECKED DRESSES.

The fashion of low-necked dresses, and what is called "square-necks," has become universal. There are reasons for it, as well as reasons against it. Some persons have beautiful shoulders and arms, though it must be said that in America such beauties are few and far between. Let those who have low-necked dresses, they have some excuse for it.

But oh! in the name of all that shocks the aesthetic sense! why, why do women and girls whose necks are arched, whose arms are dilly, wear dresses that expose those frailties to the public or to the social gaze?

Why are these necks and those arms not supposed to be the sympathetic beauty of the family of the nation?

Bones are not beautiful. The ideal is not a skeleton.

Then, in the neck question, there is another phase. Don't you see it? Do not expect yourself to such remarks as the Spanish lady made about the celebrated and beautiful lady who was called the "Queen of the West" (I refrain from filling out the name). What did the survey say, you ask? He said, when asked how he liked Mrs. K—, "I have seen quite enough of her."

And you, let me assure you, nothing more beautiful than Mrs. K—'s neck and bust was ever seen anywhere by anybody. But she carried the thing to a height at the house of Madame R—, a cape—she is no longer French—the head of the grand dame in Philadelphia. A lady entered who was as noted for her beauty as any New York belle has ever been. She presented a beautiful person, her dress was white and soft as snow, her eyes of impenetrable amber.

IS IT ANYBODY'S BUSINESS?

We do not quote the following remarks as anything new, but only as containing suggestions worthy of frequent consideration:

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GOSSIP FOR LADIES.

THE CITY FASHIONS.

DEAR POST:—Weddings and wedding outfits seem to be the order of the day just now, and the fashion of the day for wedding dresses is perhaps the most elegant and refined that has yet been seen.

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Should Old Acquaintance be Forgotten?

MY DEAR POST: For some time past I have felt a strong desire to write to you. This feeling has grown upon me week after week, until it has now become a necessity, and I am compelled to do so.

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MINE AND TRINE.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

BY ELLA WHELAN.

Miss Nell was a vision.
Of shining eyes,
Of a smile that lit
The room with its glow,
Of a voice that was sweet
And clear and true,
Of a heart that was true
And true and true,
Of a soul that was true
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What Could He Do?

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BY ELLA WHELAN.

Neil Blynn walked under the graceful
loose trees that were bending with their
weight of brown buds. A little time
ago these buds were fragrant with blossoms.
Such a little time! she could scarcely be-
lieve that the summer had gone.
Never had a summer been so short before
in all her seventeen years.
She looked up the road with dreamy eyes.
A cloud of dust came down, and she
could see something shiny and glistening in
the autumn sunshine like carriage wheels.
She turned away, not caring to watch it.
Lucius Novell would not be coming back in a
carriage, for he went away an hour before on
foot. And it had come to that pass that Neil
Blynn cared little for the going or coming
of any one save Lucius Novell.
She left the shadow of the locusts, and
was crossing over the smooth meadow toward
the farm-house. The carriage whirled
down the road, passed just long enough to
allow one of the occupants—a young man—to
leap out, and then whirled on again.
The young man was slender and graceful
in figure, and dressed in the height of fash-
ion. Indeed, this young gentleman's almost
foppish fastidiousness in dress would have
been looked upon as a fault by some people.
His face was handsome as far as regular fea-
tures could make it.
He saw the graceful figure maneuvering
across the meadow with a few agile
bounds, toward his side. She turned with a
pretty start of surprise.
"Why, Mr. Novell, how you frightened
me. And where did you come from? I have
been watching for you, and did not see you
coming."
Mr. Novell smiled down in the sweet
young face.
"I rode down from the village with Mr.
Hogers, the insurance agent, who happened
to be coming this way. And so you watched
for me, did you?"
"Why, yes, Neil answered frankly, blush-
ing a little under her ardent gaze. "I al-
ways watch for you when you are gone."
They had reached the big maple tree that
stood just west of the house, and the young
man sat down upon a rock bench placed
beneath it, and motioned Neil to take a seat at
his side.
"And what makes you watch for me?" he
continued after she was seated.
"I am sure I don't know," Neil answered,
whipping her dress with a link of willow.
"I never asked myself why. But I suppose
I do it because I am homesick when you are
away."
"Because I miss you," Neil replied, flush-
ing deeper at every question.
"And what makes you miss me?" her per-
secutor continued, determined to make her
confess her love.
"Because you are very agreeable com-
pany when here, and have made a summer
very pleasant that would otherwise have
been lonely, and I enjoy your society. That is
all."
"All?" he questioned, leaning toward her,
so that his breath touched her cheek. "Oh,
Neil, surely that is not all!"
He had one of her hands in his, and Neil
did not draw it away.
"What more should there be, pray?" she
said without looking at him.
"Why a good deal more than most might
regard as you mention, if your sentiments
correspond in any degree with mine. You
must do more than enjoy my society—you
must love me. I am sure you do, Neil, you must
love me!" He spoke warmly and earnestly,
his blue eyes burning down upon her face.
Her young heart bounded for a second, and
then seemed to stand still with an intensity
of joy that was almost pain. They were the
first words of love she had ever listened to,
and he was her first lover.
She did not answer, and he spoke again.
"Can't you, Neil, can't you love me a
little if you try?"
"There is no need to try," she whispered.
"I love you already."
There was no one near, and the trees hid
them from view as he lifted the home-
like face with one hand, and kissed her on
the lips.
"Dear little Neil," he whispered, but the
words she had a right to expect he did not
speak.
"Dear little girl, my little Neil," he said
again the next day, when he came face
to face with her in the narrow hall. And he
slipped his arm about her waist, and kissed
her again. Still not a word of what a woman
has a right to expect when a man has made
her confess that she loves him. And in two
days more Mr. Novell would be going back
to town.
"How lonely, how very lonely it will
be," Neil said, thinking of the dreary days
that would follow his departure. She looked
down over the autumn hills, and Mr. Novell
felt a very sharp pang in the region of his
heart, as he looked at the fair young face.
She was the very brightest, purest, freshest
young creature that he had ever seen, and
he did love her. He loved her too. But, as
he expressed it to himself, "Hang it, what
could a fellow do."

him again, as he saw the eager glow of
pleasure come into his face at his words.
He made up his mind then, that he would
not, by word or deed, from the false hope of
his heart, during the last two days of his
stay, but by his friendly, indifferent manner,
would endeavor to win, in a moment, what
he had done. But when the hour of parting
came, and the pretty, carefree little face
was looking up into his, which could be, he
knew, but his up to his heart, and his
again and again, whispering, "Good-by, Neil,
during Neil's absence, while Neil's eyes
looked up and answered, "Good-by, Neil,
and don't forget to write. I shall only be happy
now, in reading and answering your letters."
Mr. Novell's white work, in a moment
of mind. "Hang it," he muttered.
"I had no business to go so far, but I will
love the little girl, and I would never make
her my wife than any woman I ever saw.
But I would never do, and I know it, and
I'm not fool enough to rush headlong into
folly, for a pretty face. But I'd be business
to encourage her so, and I must end it in
my first letter. It will come hard, at first,
but she'll get over it in a year or two." And
with this happy conclusion he turned his
mind to pleasant thoughts.

Burr Chatham, junior member of the firm
of Groves and Chatham, Attorney-at-law,
sat alone in his office, pouring over some
musty documents, when somebody rang lightly
upon the stairs, and knocked at his door. It
was to his "come in," the door opened, and
Lucius Novell walked in.

The young man shook hands warmly, and
Burr threw aside the dusty documents and
fell to chatting with his friend. For, you
see, Lucius and Burr had been class-mates,
and room-mates in days gone by, and both
were sons of law; but while Lucius played
at his profession, and lived on the interest of
his fortune, Burr was obliged to work early
and late, in his dingy office; and many a
midnight hour found him bending over his
books.

"And so you are back?" he said. "And
now, after your summer's rest, what do you
propose to do?"

"Well," Mr. Novell answered, lighting a
cigar with a thoughtful air, "I don't know.
I'm becoming decidedly monotonous, and I
must vary it in some way. The summer
has been pleasant, but it has come to an end,
like all pleasant things. The winter will
have its usual round of gayeties, I suppose,
but I am tired of them all. I want a change
of some kind, and I think I'll get married,
if I can find a suitable party who is willing."

"That is a very good idea," laughed his
companion, "for a fellow in your position,
and I wonder you have not thought of it
before."

"I have thought of it," responded Lucius,
"but the trouble has been, I could not
find any desirable young lady who would
think of it too."

"That will do to tell, but you see I know
better," retorted Burr. "There's at least
half a dozen nice girls among your acquaint-
ances who would marry you in a moment, if
you asked them to. No, not to-morrow, but
just as soon as they could prepare a bridal
outfit. For instance, there's Miss Hunt."

"She has a turned-up nose, and red
hair," Mr. Novell answered.

"But she's pretty, nevertheless, and a
down-right sensible girl, besides being an
heiress. Then there's Lena Wilson. She
always thought a good deal of you, Lucius;
and she's called a regular beauty."

"And she puts me on her hands and knees,
and greets me with a 'good-morning, Mr. Novell.'"
"Two things I could never endure."

Burr Chatham indulged in a healthy roar
of laughter.

"Well, you are particular," he ejaculated.
"Why half the fellows in town are in love
with her. Well, there's Miss Hamilton,
and Miss Peters. How about them?"

"Miss Hamilton is three years my senior,
and Miss Peters's father is bankrupt. I
must marry well, you know, if I marry at all."

"Then you don't propose to be influenced by
the ladies?" Burr queried.

"Mr. Novell's face took on an anxious ex-
pression, and he was silent for a moment."

"No," he said, at length. "It won't do
for me. If I married for love, I should
marry a little girl I met down in the coun-
try. She was a regular little beauty, and
quite refined, and all that; and I fell in love
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their designs against your life. You have reduced to be governed by my wishes; I reiterate that. I am sure you can work up the spirit without further need of your presence there.

"If, however, you should permit to your expression of determination of remaining, with the purpose of seeking to revenge yourself on the gang of villains who have so often waylaid you, I must do what I can to put you on your guard, and enable you to avoid future danger."

"You are inclined to be uncooperative. I am inclined to be uncooperative. I must advise into you my suspicions."

"It is very evident to my mind, that the party whom you are operating against has an agent there. I am sure you can work up the spirit without further need of your presence there."

"The Budd gang can have no personal animosity to you. They are simply a set of unscrupulous villains who can be bought to the perpetration of any act. They are undoubtedly hired to murder you, if possible. The party at work behind the scenes must be in frequent communication with them. Now ask yourself what person in that locality best answers to these particulars. The stealing of the letters from your coat have been performed only by one who knew that you had written and dispatched it. Your carrier found one of the robbers familiar to him, though not fully able to recognize him. From their remarks, it appears to me, that they fear my return, but not your."

"This shows that there is some one who has reason to dread suspicion."

"So the late attack on you must have been made by one who knew you would be on the water at that day and hour. Cannot you see to whom my remarks point?"

"In the first instance, on you, one of the parties spoke with the language of an educated man. These outlaws you know to be deplorably ignorant."

"Now, who is likely to be in communication with the outlaws? You have spoken of a party who spends a considerable portion of his time roaming the country alone, on pretense of gunning. Does he bring much game in?"

"It seems to me that he has not yet succeeded in taking the game he is after. It was this party that led you into the swamp, and into an ambush of the outlaws. His very familiarity with the passes of the swamp shows that he has frequently visited it; and not, you may be sure, for the purpose of gunning. No sensible man would go into so dangerous a place as that for sport."

"His behavior, too, in leaving you to the tender mercies of his friends, and making the best of his way to the boat, looks suspicious. You have told me that Solomon Muddle does not appear to like him. Solomon is wise."

"In short, I conceive that this party, whom no one knows, who has followed you there, and forced himself upon you; who answers to all the points above made; who is the active agent in these murderous attempts."

"Watch him closely, my son, and I think you will find reason to agree with me. But do not let him know that you suspect anything. He is shrewd, unscrupulous, and you must be wary. He has so far succeeded in deceiving you by a specious manner. But I must bring this long letter to a close. I have given you the case as it appears to me, and am sure you will see the need of it. Be wary, be watchful, and we shall yet succeed."

Your loving father,
"JOHN HOWARD."

This epistle awakened Mr. Howard out of a dream, in which he had been walking. Could it be possible that the agreeable and gentlemanly Du Bar was such a villain? The circumstances pointed overwhelmingly in that way. Yet he could not see direct proof, bringing himself to believe it.

But the longer the idea dwelt in his mind the more doubtful did his confidence in Du Bar become. Point after point of a suspicious character obtained itself upon his memory. He could not deny to himself the force of his father's argument. Besides, there had occurred several slighter incidents which added to the burden of suspicion.

He had noticed something recognizable in Du Bar's voice on first meeting his acquaintance. Might it not be the same? He had the voice of one of his attempted assassins impressed on his memory at the time, and that they were the same?

At all events, he must be wary, must keep a keen watch over this person's actions, must avoid any close familiarity of distrust and make no change in his bearing towards him.

CHAPTER XVIII.

AN INTERVIEW.

Back of Miss Brown's house the garden ended in a romantic glen. A rivulet ran prattling down the bottom of the valley, on each side of which rose gently sloping elevations, which were covered with cultivation had elegantly adorned with trees and flowers. It was a beautiful spot, and one often frequented by the inmates of the house.

Further up the stream nature asserted her sway. The banks came closer to the stream, and rose more steeply, and thick clusters of natural vegetation succeeded the more attractive results of art. This ravine ran for half a mile back, gradually diminishing in elevation till it broke down into the general level of the country. The stream flowed from springs in the pine forest back.

Miss Wilton walked up the stream into the wilder and more secluded portion of the glen. Mr. Du Bar walked down the stream, gun on shoulder. He had evidently been shooting in the woods near the stream, and had concluded to stroll down in this direction.

In consequence, he met Miss Wilton. They both acted as if this meeting were no surprise, as if, in fact, it had been counted on as one of the contingencies of their walk.

They greeted themselves on a broad, flat stone that lay half sunken in the ground beside the stream. Du Bar leaned on his gun and looked round with enjoyment of the scene. Miss Wilton was deeply absorbed in the memories of some fancy which she had brought in her hand. For some time neither spoke.

At length she awakened from her state of pre-occupation, or probably grew tired of waiting for him to break the silence.

"Well, Mr. Du Bar, you have put me to sleep, and again, all politeness has almost ceased to be a virtue. How have I done?"

"But, my dear Miss Wilton, I am sure no occasion for me to be so perceptive. The day is a fine one, we can walk down the stream, and we can have a pleasant conversation. What occasion is there for your waiting to bring our interview to a close?"

"Because I have grown tired of your prevarications. I don't want to be put off any longer, and what is the purpose, I don't intend to be. Pointed remarks serve best with you, Simon Du Bar, as you call yourself—and as I come at once to the point."

"I see, a very sharp point. And to make sure that I shall feel it, you drive it into me. Well, then, since you will have it so, to what extent have you abused the comical demand you made on me a short time ago?"

"Not one penny."

"Do you know, my dear Miss Wilton, that you are simply ridiculous? You have put me to sleep, and again, all politeness has almost ceased to be a virtue. How have I done?"

"I would not give you a title of the sum for all the papers in existence."

"Very well, I shall make myself to change your decision. I am obliged to you, though, for having at length given me a decided answer. I shall know now what course to pursue, and as they are of no value to you, shall proceed to dispose of them elsewhere."

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He sat for a time in silence, looking steadily before him, a dark, cold expression settling round his mouth, his hand grasping the barrel of his gun as though he sought to crush the firm iron.

The hill sides have been covered with thick brush, bounding them in on all sides. The leaves rustled in the wind with a low murmur. But back of them the brush was growing thicker and more dense than could be attributed to the wind. This peculiar action pointed in a slow line through the thicket, gradually approaching the place where they sat. It was not, however, by the sound of the wind, that they heard and saw nothing unusual.

"Do you think of anything, another murder with your weapon?" he at length said.

"Well, I have no objection. I am slightly inclined to believe that you will get another piece than you have bargained with me for, but that is your business."

"Exactly. As I shall probably have some trouble I intend to fix my price so as to pay for my services. You have asked me from my own gun, but which I am inclined to believe. My price now is twenty thousand dollars."

"Twenty thousand?"

"Yes. It is hardly the value of my secret, but as much as I care for."

"And the trade of a prison to enjoy it?"

"Not at all. I have learned something from my dealings with you. Trust me to take care of myself."

"Don't be too sure of that. I am quite satisfied. Still I don't wish to be bound to you. You shall have the first chance to purchase."

The movement in the bushes had ceased about ten paces distant. All was now still, except the slight rustling of the leaves.

"At ten thousand?"

"No. That offer was refused and withdrawn. My price is now twenty thousand."

"Do you see the robin under, my dear Cousin Wilton? On the oak, I mean. That bird would not be hard to bring down from this distance." He laid the gun to his shoulder as he spoke.

"It is a long distance. But you might hit it."

"I fear not. I have made such shots before, and have brought down larger and nearer game. I think my aim would fail me today. His eyes gleamed with a cruel light."

"I think not," she coolly replied. "Particularly as there is no larger game at hand worth the shooting. I forgot to mention to you that the papers are safe, and that in the midst of my account having to me they would fall into good hands."

The gun slowly slid down till its butt rested on the ground, and he sat leaning on the barrel as before. Another interval of silence fell between them.

"Do you know, my dear cousin, that I am inclined to doubt your word?"

"I know that does not affect the truth," he replied, continuing to himself, "he would not hesitate to murder me if he could gain anything by it."

"These papers have some value to me. That I acknowledge," he said. "But no such exorbitant value as you have set on them. Still as you appear to hold them in such high estimation, and as I do not value a few thousands highly, I will humor your fancy so far as to provide for a faithful agent to the extent of five thousand dollars."

"Believe me, Cousin John; or shall it be, Friend Simon? your offer is appreciated—for what it is worth; and I am grateful for your kindly desire to provide for your faithful agent. Her time conveyed none of the sarcasm expressed in her words. "But somehow I have conceived a different idea of the value of these papers. I consider them worth a figure that may be anything from one to three hundred thousand dollars, and I am not prepared to let them go for the value of the Midland property. Now it seems to me that I am quite moderate in my demand, and that the sum I ask is a small figure for a large service. Moreover, you will not feel it."

"You speak of twenty thousand dollars as if you were talking of twenty cents. What if I were to tell you that the property in question is not worth fifty thousand?"

"You would simply waste breath, as I would not believe you."

"I will concede this much. I have no power to make any bargain. The utmost I can do will be to write and state your extravagant demand, and await an answer."

"Very well. But bear one thing in mind. Don't let the answer be long in coming. If my present offer is not acceptable, I will hold myself at liberty to propose new terms. And strangely enough the longer this affair stands upon the more avaricious I become. I shall be doubling the sum again if it stands long."

"Take my advice, my dear cousin, don't try it on. It may prove dangerous to all parties. You know I am sometimes hot blooded, and when my temper is aroused I cannot answer for myself."

"Which I suppose is intended for a threat?"

"Take it as you will," he replied, rising and looking down upon her with a disdainful expression.

"Take it for what it is worth, you mean. What if I say it is worth nothing? That I fear your threats no more than I fear this puff of wind?"

"If you are wise you will not provoke me too far."

She rose too, and returned his gaze with one as bold and fearless.

"I know what you are capable of," she replied. "I know that it is more than enough for the fact of a sudden prison was raging within him. I know further that you have practiced against the life of my niece. And this I have to say, once for all, that if any further attempt of the kind is made I will demand my money."

"You know the full meaning of what I have said without further explanation."

"Precisely. I have no intention of harming her. Nor Howard either, if he will only have the wit to leave this place and go where he belongs. As long as he stays here, he will make no promise. He stands on dangerous ground."

"I have no love for him. Take your own course."

He turned and walked towards the house, leaving him standing. His face whitened at the fear of a sudden prison was raging within him. Once he half raised his gun as if inclined to send its charge after her, but he laid it again heavily to the earth.

She walked on unconcernedly, not once turning to look back, to all appearance satisfied that she would not dare to harm her. "The witch!" he muttered, angrily.

"She knows too much. But I have a card or two to play yet before I give in to her demand. There are more ways than one of getting a game like this. The line in hunting that she has put the papers out of her hand, she is too stupid to do that, and trusts too much in herself. The cat is locked up in her den, that I am sure of. Before trying for it, though, I will play another card. The young lady has been gracious to Charles de Montmorency. In short, he is the celebrated forger, Charles Jordan, who escaped during his trial."

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WILSON AND THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

BY OTTO RICHMOND.

Miss Selma Seymour was pretty. Her features were of a type which was certainly aware of that fact, as she surveyed herself in the elegant French plate glass of her boudoir.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

ALBANY GRAND BUFFALO HUNT—THE PARTY FULL OF SPORTING BUFFS IN CHARGE.

Albany and party arrived at North Platte on the 15th inst. at 7 A. M. They breakfasted on the spot at 8 A. M. The ambulance and light wagon for the baggage and a carriage for the Grand Duke met the party, and they started immediately for the camp.

The success for the buffalo hunt was on the Red Willow creek, about fifty miles westward of North Platte. The camp consisted of two hospital tents, ten well tents and a tent for baggage and saddle. Three of the well tents were occupied by the party. The Grand Duke was in charge. But and thirty others were provided for the hospital and well tents, and the hospital tents were used for dining.

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FRANCE.

ADMINISTRATIVE OF GERMAN SOLDIERS.

Notwithstanding the effects of the French authorities to prevent the accumulation of German soldiers in the occupied departments, these soldiers still continue. Another case is just reported, the victim being a Prussian soldier belonging to the garrison of Valenciennes, in the Department of Meurthe.

The German military commander has demanded the surrender of the assassin, and the French authorities are searching for him.

PRUSSIAN.—Prince Bismarck has recently been very ill, and the Pope is suffering from a severe cold.

Several large coal piles in Chicago have never been extinguished since the great fire, and still smoulder during the day and blaze forth at night.

An intemperate man solemnly declared he would never get drunk again. A week after an acquaintance met him, and finding him drunk as usual, chidingly reminded him of his vow. "I thought you were not going to get drunk again?" "This is the same one," he replied. It was his last, and he was buried by charitable citizens.

A little girl wanted to say that she had a fan, but had forgotten the name, so she described it as "a thing to brush the warm off your back."

Mr. Harris, of North Carolina, revives his drooping spirits, whenever he feels dull, by climbing into his ready-made coffin and seeing whether it continues to fit.

